

# DAVID RITTENHOUSE BICENTENNIAL

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UNDER THE AUSPICES OF  
THE GERMANTOWN HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

The Wissahickon Valley Historical Society  
and the City History Society  
co-operating

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Saturday Afternoon, April 16th, 1932  
**Tour to Rittenhouse Landmarks**

Tuesday Evening, April 19th, 1932  
**Public Meeting**  
at the Germantown Academy



# TOUR OF Rittenhouse Landmarks

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The tour will be made in busses and automobiles.

Everyone will be welcome regardless of membership in the organizations conducting the tour. Private cars may be decorated, but no advertising will be permitted.

Reservations for seats in busses, at \$1.00 each, may be made up to Thursday, April 14th, with MR. BERNARD B. WOLFF, 153 West Highland Avenue, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia. Payment must accompany reservations.

Participants will assemble on Maplewood Avenue, east of Greene Street, prior to 1 p. m. (Maplewood Avenue is No. 5600 North; Greene Street is No. 100 West.) Police will reserve Maplewood Avenue for the tour, and only cars showing the authorized tag will be admitted to the street. Tags may be obtained in advance at the Germantown Historical Society, 5214 Germantown Avenue, or the Business Men's Association of Germantown, 38 Maplewood Avenue, and at the time of the tour from members of the committee at Germantown and Maplewood Avenues.

There will be no postponement on account of weather.

## ITINERARY

**1.00 P. M.**—Leave Germantown, north on Greene street, west on Rittenhouse street.

**1.30 P. M.**—Birthplace of David Rittenhouse, Lincoln drive, near Rittenhouse street, Fairmount Park.

The house in which Rittenhouse was born, April 19, 1732 (April 8, Old Style) will be open for inspection.

Program by the Wissahickon Valley Historical Society, Major Thomas S. Martin, president of the Society and secretary of the Fairmount Park Commission, presiding.

Address—"The Birthplace of David Rittenhouse." The Rev. J. Foster Wilcox, A.M. of Roxborough.

Planting of Memorial Tree by Francis E. Brewster, Esq., a lineal descendant of David Rittenhouse.

**2.15 P. M.**—North on Lincoln drive, McCallum street, Mermaid lane, Cherokee street, Willow Grove avenue, St. Martins lane, Seminole street, Chestnut avenue, Germantown avenue and Germantown pike.

**3.00 P. M.**—Home of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Ballard, Germantown pike, south of Fairview Village. Here David Rittenhouse lived from boyhood until 1770, making clocks, orreries and scientific instruments and later gaining worldwide fame as an astronomer, his greatest achievement being his observation of the transit of Venus, in 1769.

Through the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Ballard, their attractive house and grounds will be open to visitors.

*Cars will drive to the rear of the house and turn. Cars must not park on the drive facing the house.*

**3.20 P. M.**—Continue north on Germantown pike, right at Fairview Village.

**3.30 P. M.**—Public Meeting in Fairview Village Assembly Hall, President Judge J. Ambler Williams, of the Montgomery County Courts, presiding.

Greeting..... Mr. Russell C. Thomas,  
President, Fairview Village Assembly.

Address..... Judge Williams.

Address.... "Rittenhouse's Life in Norriton."  
Maurice J. Babb, Ph. D.,  
University of Pennsylvania.

Illustrated with stereopticon views.

Remarks..... Major Robeson Lea Perot,  
President, Germantown Historical Society.

**4.30 P. M.**—Leave Fairview Village for home.

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## VISIT TO RITTENHOUSE'S GRAVE.

Those wishing to visit the grave of David Rittenhouse, in Laurel Hill Cemetery, will have an opportunity to do so, accompanied by a guide, if they will assemble Sunday, April 17th, at 3 p. m., at the main entrance to the cemetery, Ridge avenue, above 35th street, Philadelphia.



# Public Meeting

GERMANTOWN ACADEMY  
Greene Street and School Lane  
Germantown

TUESDAY NIGHT, APRIL 19th  
8 o'clock

MAJOR ROBESON LEA PEROT  
President Germantown Historical Society, Presiding

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## ADDRESSES

"RITTENHOUSE---CITIZEN AND PATRIOT"  
Franklin Spencer Edmonds, LL. D.

"FIRST STATE TREASURER"  
General Edward Martin,  
State Treasurer of Pennsylvania

Music by the  
Germantown Academy Glee Club and Orchestra

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A special Rittenhouse exhibition will be held in the Museum of the Germantown Historical Society throughout the week of April 18th. The public is cordially invited to visit the museum at this time.